

Amendments to the Specification:

[0055] Thus, to use device 40 when it is equipped with spirit level 52, device 40 is positioned against vertical support surface 16 so that flat back wall 50 lies flush thereagainst. Device 40 is positioned with tile support surface 48 in registration with a mark 12 on wall 16 as measured in prior art Fig. 1 and said device 40 is then rotated ~~in the plane of~~ against vertical support surface 16 until spirit level 52 indicates that tile support surface 46 is perfectly horizontal. This eliminates the steps depicted in Figs. 2 and 3. A first fastener means 22 is then driven through a preselected first elongate slot 42 into a first pre-located stud, not shown, and a second fastener means 22 is driven through a second elongate slot 42 into a second pre-located stud, not shown. Tile installation may then begin with the assurance that the lowermost row of tiles will be perfectly level.